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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND SECOND PRELIMINARY **AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 24, 2003 (Paper No. 9), Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group 1, claims 1-25 and 28-47 for continued examination, with traverse.

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.